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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Norvell et al.	) Group Art Unit: 1771
Serial No.: 09/015,616	)
Filed January 29, 1998	) Examiner: C. Juska
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Dear Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for one (1) month, to and including August 8, 2004, be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) in order to extend the period for response to the final Office Action mailed April 8, 2004.

Please charge our Deposit Account No. 07-1729 for the required fee, and for any additional charges that may be incurred.

Respectfully submitted,

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